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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **SHIOJI, Masahiro**

Group Art Unit: **2615**

Serial No.: **09/274,771**

Examiner: **Nhan T. Tran**

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**  
**- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -**  
**GROUP ART UNIT 2615**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 31, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **December 15, 2004**, extended to **April 15, 2005** by a one-month Petition for Extension of Time, entry of the following amendments and remarks, further examination, and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.